

# The Caledonian Mercury.

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From *Fog's Weekly Journal*, April 26.

**L**etters from Paris tell us, that they continue to *Flatter* themselves that Things will take a more favourable Turn at the Congress of Soissons. If that be all, we may tell them we can *Flatter* as much, if not as well, as they. And if *Flattery* is a Thing of any Consequence in the Business of a Nation, we will begin to be as great Politicians as any in Europe.

Our Advices from Cadix take notice, that his Catholick Majesty with the whole Court was gone for Seville, where they will continue for some time, the Foreign Ministers are following; and still soliciting the King to distribute the Treasure of the Galleons; but 'tis observable his Majesty is a little deaf of that Ear on which the Ministers apply to, on that Subject: And some State Physicians are of opinion that nothing but the Air of *Gibraltar* will cure it, which he seems to like better than any other in Spain.

The Dutch News-writers tell us of a Treaty of Commerce being carried on betwixt the Imperial and French Courts; perhaps this Affair may no concern us; but if it does, who can help it?

From Moscow we learn, that the young Czar intends to take the Waters of Olonitz before his Return to Petersburg, whither he will be attended by the Duke of Liria and Count Wratisslaw, the Spanish and Imperial Ministers, who are ever by his side, like the Supporters of his Coat. In fine, nothing is done without their Advice.

London, April 26. The Report of the Honourable Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to inspect the Fleet and other Prisons, is now published, and discovers a Series of Cruelty and Oppression which the Spanish Inquisition is a Stranger to. There is some Notice taken therein of a Thing call'd a *Toy*, being a Ship in Amber, set in Silver, for which fourscore broad Pieces were offered, and which was given to Mr. Bambrige for a valuable Consideration, and by him, as some

think, parted with not without a valuable Consideration.

'Tis pity we could not discover whether this Ship made her last Voyage, and in what Port she now lies at Anchor; because 'tis probable thereby the World might discover, upon what Presumption these People ventured to commit such horrid Cruelties.

From the *Evening Post*, April 26.

Rome, April 9. Cardinal Lercari performs to Admiration the Personage of *Pro-Papa*, or Deputy Pope; which is the Title attach'd to the Functions wherewith he was charged by his Holiness at his setting out for Benevento. In this Quality he gave Audience to the Roman Ministry on the Wednesday after the Pontiff's Departure: We have Advice, that on the 4th past, his Holiness arrived at Nettuno; that next Morning he took the Road off Torredi Paola; that he alighted at Figliano, where the Fathers Cazerta had provided Refreshments; and that on the 6th he reached Padua very much fatigued. The Holy Father passes the Journey in continual Exercises of Piety; and in all the Places where he stops he preaches, baptises, administers the sacred Unctions, visiting all the Churches and Altars, but more particularly those dedicated to St. Philip de Neri. His Coach on the Road is perpetually surrounded by infinite Numbers of People, who flock thither from all Parts to see his Holiness, and to receive his Benediction, of which he is not sparing. We are assured that he will continue at Benevento till Whitsuntide, and that he will return hither by Way of Monte Cassino, where doubtless he has some Altar to consecrate. Before his Departure from Rome, Abbot Parezi presented him, in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, a Poem composed by him on the Pontiff's Journey to Benevento; but his Holiness refused it, telling him, *The Place was too Holy to receive a Piece so profane.*

Utrecht, April 29. They affirm from Stockholm, that

that a Peasant died there lately, aged 129 Years.  
*London, April 26.* On Wednesday last arrived in the River Thames, a Ship of 400 Tons from Finhorn in Scotland, laden with Malts and Fir-timber for the York Buildings Company, where she left another just ready to sail, with a Lading for the same Account.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 29.*

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

**T**HE Wind here, after continuing very near 6 Months at North and East, is now turned South West; which however is regrated, because it may obstruct the sailing of our Fleet from Portsmouth, which is now said to be getting ready with the utmost Expedition, and that Sir Charles Wager will set out thither in 3 or 4 Days at furthest.

'Tis reported likewise that 10 Men of War will be put in Commission, and that the Press-warrants will be continued for a Month longer.

Mean time, if there is that Necessity as some represent, the Squadron designed for the Mediterranean would not have delayed to take the Opportunity of the Winds, which continued so long favourable for their sailing.

But the Advices from Madrid by the Holland Mail assure, that the Duke de Bournonville was on his Departure for the Congress at Soissons, with such Proposals as could leave no room to doubt of a speedy Peace; to which nothing could more contribute, than the Vigour that has been shown by Great Britain in carrying on their Sea Armaments; for Spain knowing the Inability of the Emperor to serve them in a War with England, refused, as we have been more than once told, to remit the promised Subsidies to his Imperial Majesty, which consequently cause a Dissention between these two Powers.

There is a Letter from Paris by the above Mail, dated the 30th Instant, which among other Things tell us, it was talked there as a Thing certain, that a neighbouring Power is withdrawn from the Alliance with Spain, and that too, in order formally to enter into the Hanover Alliance.

If what is related as above mentioned be true, we can have no cause for Fears or any uneasy Ap-

prehensions; but 'tis suspected, that certain Paragraphs in the foreign News Papers, have been calculated here by some ill designing Persons, and transmitted to their Agents abroad to get them inserted in the News Papers there.

P. S. By the French Mail we only learn with respect to the publick Affairs, that the Marquis de Ravignon, Inspector of the Infantry, is to set out the 10th of the next Month, to review the King's Troops in Flanders; and the private Letters by this Mail, if any have been brought, we have yet no Account of.

Yesterday the Lords read a Petition of Mr. Bambrige, praying for a longer Time before the second Reading of his Bill, to make his Defence against it; and their Lordships gave him till Friday next, and Leave to bring Witnesses to the Bar of the House where he himself is to attend.

There being a Clause in the insolvent Debtors Bill, That all Persons who have received any Benefit by any former Bill or Commission of Bankruptcy, shall not receive any Benefit by this, great Interest is making to the Lords, to get the said Clause left out.

To Day the Lords agreed to the Report of the Bill for regulating the Oyster Fishery in the River Medway, and are like to sit late on a Debate on a Writ of Error from the Grand Sessions in Wales.

That eminent and great Lawyer, John Hungerford Esq; lyes dangerously ill at Kensington; and the Earl of Pembroke continues much indisposed of the Ague and Fever, which we hear has been very fatal in some Parts of Gloucestershire.

The Rear Admiral de St. Loe, in his Letter of the 14th February last, acquaints the Lords of the Admiralty, that he had received the Thanks of the Assembly of Jamaica, for his Care in guarding the Sea-Coasts and protecting the Trade thereof; and that they had presented him with L. 1000.

*From the Evening Post, April 29.*

*Copenhagen, April 23.* 'Tis rumoured that two Squadrons, one English and one Dutch, will next June appear in this Ocean, to observe the Motions of the Russians. 'Tis said that the King has given Orders to the Lords of Admiralty, for the speedy Equipment of 48 Men of War of the Line, and 6 great flat-bottom'd Vessels.



*Vienna, April 23.* The Court has received Advice from Trieste, that the Ships of War and Gallies there and at St. Veit, would be all ready to put to Sea in a Month's time from the Day that Orders should be given for that Purpose; and that they are building two Ships of War and two Gallies.

*London, April 29.* On Tuesday last the *Gilbert*, Capt. James, fell down the River, in order to proceed to Gibraltar with Provisions for his Majesty's Ships there.

This Week 10 Men of War will be put in Commission.

*From the St. James Evening-Post, April 29.*

*Bologna, April 19.* The Dutche's Dowager of Parma is arrived here to visit her Cousin the Pretender's Lady, who as soon as she is gone, will set out for Rome by way of Loretto. Her eldest Son, (who assumes the Title of Prince of Wales) will go a little before her: And this Morning our Senate deputed Four of their Number to wish him a good Journey.

*Hague, May 6.* Our Letters from Paris of April 30 advise, that they expected every Moment the News of the King of Spain's having given Orders to deliver the Effects of the Gallies, and that the Indulto has been settled at 15 per Cent. By a List we have received of the Naval Force of his Catholick Majesty, he has actually 25 Men of War. 17 of them at Cadix, 4 in Biscay and 4 in America.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, April 29.*

*Amsterdam, May 6.* We learn from Copenhagen, that a Regiment of Marines were marching to embark on board the Praahms and other Vessels ready to put to Sea.

Letters from Russia talk of nothing but the great Armaments which are continued in the several Ports of that Empire. And 'tis added, that the Naval Force of the Emperor of Russia consisted of 36 Ships of the Line, besides Fregats and several other Vessels.

*From the Daily Post Boy, April 27.*

*Paris, April 29.* The *Grafton*, a French Man of War of 70 Guns, is come back from Cadix to Brest, but we are not told what Business she had there.

All the Plenipotentiaries are getting together a-

gain at Soissons; but we do not know what Humour they are in.

*London, April 28.* Yesterday their Majesties, the Prince of Wales and the 3 eldest Princesses, were at the Chapel Royal at St. James's; the Rev. Dr. Croxal preached the Sermon, and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore, a Scots Peer, carried the Sword to and from the Chapel (being the first time he carried it) before his Majesty.

S. S. Stock 108, 14th.

*Edinburgh, May 5.* On Thursday last the Rev. Mr. James Aldstane Minister of Dirlotoun, one of his Majesty's Chaplains, was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly.

On Friday last his Majesty's Ship the *Spye* sailed out of the Firth, to the Southward.

The End of last Month died in the Parish of Traquair, aged 106, *John Petry*, who had been long in the Service of the Rt. Honourable Earl of Traquair.

Tomorrow (the 20th Day of the Moon) it is High Water at Leith at 5 o' Clock, 30 Minutes. On Wednesday, at 6, 18 Min. On Thursday, at 7, 6 Minutes.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

[¶] There is a very fine STONN'D HORSE, six Years old, Dark-bay, with a Snip in his Face, to serve Mares, at Methven, within 3 Miles of Perth, at Half-a-guinea, and Half-a-crown to the Groom, each Leap.

[¶] That the good Ship, *SUSANNA* of YARMOUTH, Burden 150 Tons, Captain Samuel Rich, now lying at Port-Seton, will be ready to sail the 14th instant for London: has all Conveniency and Accommodation for Passengers of all Ranks. The Master (who sets no Passenger ashore when at Anceor or otherwise) is to be spoke with at Walter Davidson's, at the White Horse in the Canongate Foot; At Michael Watson's in Leith, or at Mr. Douglas's in Port-Seton.

\*\*\* There's a fine Black Ston'd Horse, going seven (a Son of the beautiful Horse, called *HAMLET*, lately belonging the Right Honourable Earl of Hadington) to be let out immediately for serving of Mares, at half a Guinea the leap, and two Shillings to his Keeper. Enquire at Beafston, two Miles east from Hadington, for Robert Steadman, who will show the Horse.

Nota, That of Twenty Mares he served last Year, Eighteen have proven with Foal.

\*\*\* The Roup of the Furniture of Melvil-House, formerly advertised to be upon the 6th of May Inst. is put off for some Time; and the same shall be duly advertised a competent Time before the Roup.



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That on Wednesday the 7th of May instant, there is to be Sold by way of Roup at the House of *Durie*, some of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, with a Parcel of valuable Table and Red LINEN.

There is a fine Silver-Gray STALLION, out of a true Turkish Horse and Barb Mare of the late Earl Derwentwater's Breed, to be let out for serving Mares, at Balingall near Lelly in Fife, at Twenty Shillings Sterling for each Mare and One Shilling to the Keeper. Any Person who has use for the Stallion, may inquire at DAVID MATHIESON in the Greenhead of Lelly.

\*\*\* That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of William Douglas of Glenbervy, Robert Douglas of Scortcraig, and others, upon Tuesday the Tenth Day of June next, within the House of Mrs. THOM Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of Three and Five in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale, by way of voluntary Roup, the Lands and Estate of SCOTSCRAIG, holding Feu of the Crown, lying within the Parish of Ferry Partoneraig, and Sheriffdom of Fife, extending of yearly free Rent to 8 Bolls Wheat, 237 Bolls, 2 Firloths Bear, 37 Bolls Pease, 115 Bolls Oats, 10 Bolls Rye, and L. 1311 sh. 14. d. 4. of Money, besides 17 Dozen and a half Poultry Fowls, and Mussel-scalp and Pigeon-house, and a great many Services and Carriages not rentalled, and having a good convenient well furnished dwelling-house, consisting of 14 Fire Rooms, besides Closets, Cellars, and Woman-house, Stables and other Office-houses of all kinds; a large Orchard and Kitchen Garden, and Bowling-green inclosed with very high Walls, and all the Tenants Houses in exceeding good Repair. There is likewise at the same Time and Place to be exposed to Sale the Lands and Barony of Foody and Fingask, holding Feu of the Crown, lying within the Parish of Dairsey, and Sheriffdom of Fife, extending of yearly free Rent to 20

Bolls, 2 Firloths Wheat, 97 Bolls, 2 Firloths Bear, 111 Bolls Oats, and L. 632 sh. 6. d. 2. of Money, besides 12 Capons, 160 Hens, 72 Carriages of Coals, and 30 Threaves Oat Straw not rentalled, and having a very convenient Dwelling-house well repaired, a Pidgeon-house and three Inclosures. The Rentals, Progress, and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

N. B. The above Lands were formerly advertised to be sold; but the Day of the Roup was prorogued by Order of the Trustees.

§§§ The Town and Lands of FODDERANCE, with a convenient Mansion-house, Yard, and a good Dovecot, holding Feu of the Crown, for Payment of L. 11 Scots of Feu-duty, and Lands of NEITHER CORSTOUN, holding feu of a Subject, for Payment of L. 4 Scots of Feu-duty, both lying in the Parish of Ketens, and Shire of Forfar, paying of yearly Rent L. 954 19 sh. Scots, one Chalder 6 Bolls Bear, one Chalder 10 Bolls Meal, and 213 Poultry, including the Feu-duty, and 2 Bolls 3 Firloths 2 Lippy pies and one third Lippy Bear, and 5 Bolls, 2 Firloths 7 Pecks and one Lippy Meal to the Minister, and L. 3 Scots to the School-master, Are to be exposed to Sale by Alexander Christy Writer in Edinburgh, by voluntary Roup, upon the 19th June next, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stewart Vintner in Edinburgh; the foresaid Lands ly contiguous in a pleasant fertile Country, within a Mile of Coupar of Angus, and about Nine Miles distant from the Towns of Perth and Dundee. The House is agreeably situate, beautified and sheltered with a good deal of fine Planting, has several very convenient Inclosures adjoining to it, with a large Muir very capable of Improvement, Services of Tenants and a Servitude of Pasturage, and casting on the adjacent Muir of Kinnochtry, and several other Advantages; As also the Town and Lands and Mill of KINNOCHTRY, with a convenient Mansion-house, consisting of Five Rooms, and a Yard and Inclosures adjoining thereto, holding Feu of the Crown, for payment of L. 49 Scots of Feu-duty; lying within the Parish of Ketens and Shire of Perth, paying of yearly Rent 31 Bolls Bear, 47 Bolls Meal, L. 843 16 sh. 8 d. Scots of Money, 228 Poultry, and 360 Hairs of Yarn, including the Feu-duty, and four Bolls Meal to the Minister: ARE also to be exposed to Sale by the said Alexander Christy, by voluntary Roup, upon the 26th of June next, in the House of the said Alexander Stewart Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon. The said Lands ly within two Miles of Coupar in Angus, about Nine Miles from the Town of Dundee, and about seven from Perth, and there is a large Muir belonging thereto, with Meadows and Broom Parks, which are very improvable; and besides the above Rent, the Tenants are liable in Carriages of Coal and Peats, Turf, and Shear-dargs, and several Services convenient for a Family. The Rentals, Progress, and Conditions of Sale of both said Estates are to be seen in the Hands of the said Alexander Christy, at his Writing Chamber in Wilkie's Land, at the back of the Guard, the fourth Story.

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